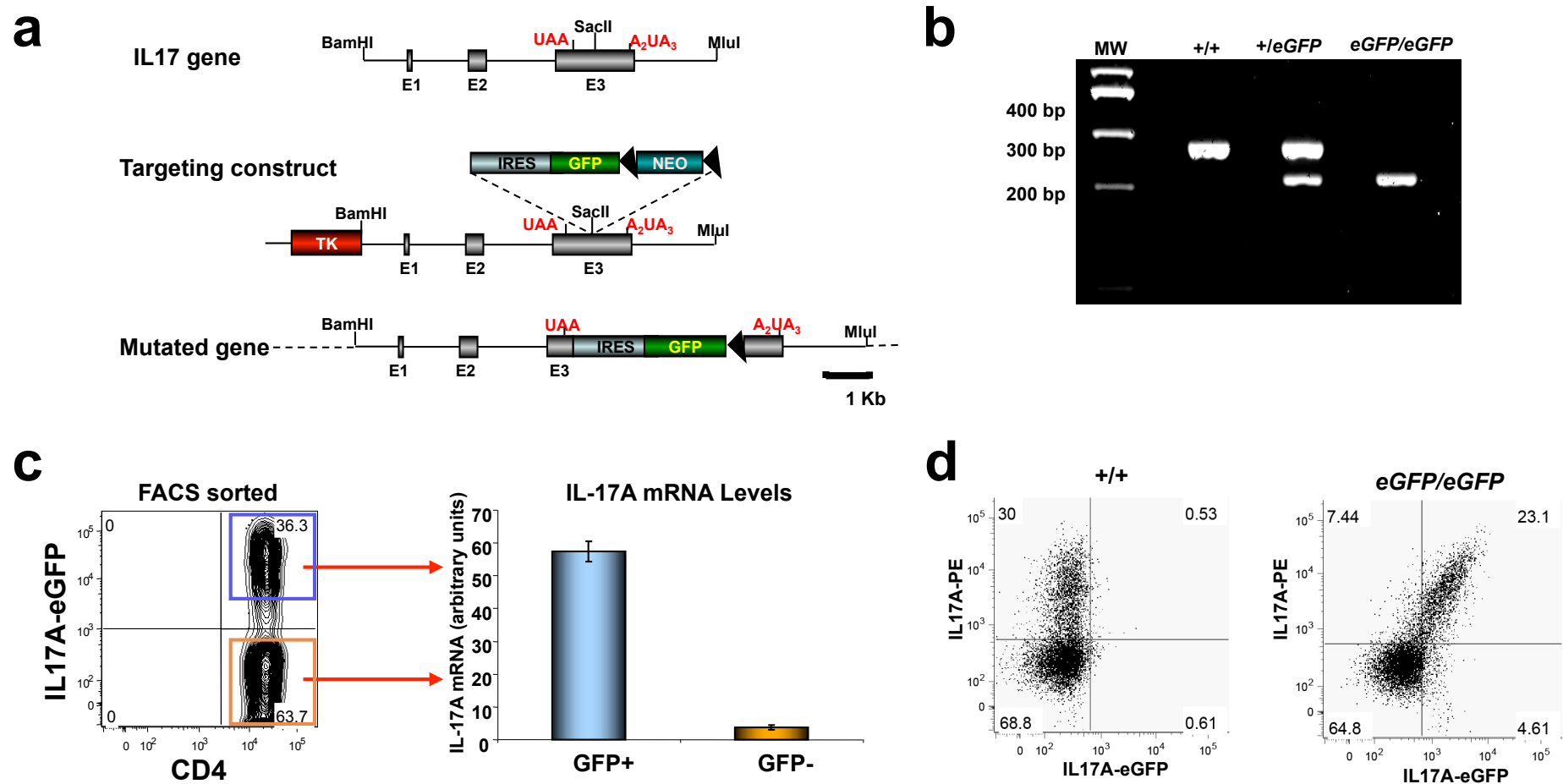


Supplemental Fig. 1. Dynamics of T_H17 cells during CD3-specific treatment.

C57BL/6 mice were treated three times with 20 μ g of CD3-specific antibody (arrows) and total cell number in the blood (a) and in the duodenum (b) were counted at different time points during the treatment. The total number of CD4⁺ TCR β ⁺ T cells (c), percentage (d) and the total number (e) of T_H17 in the duodenum was obtained after flow cytometry analysis of IL-17A⁺ cells gated on CD4⁺TCR β ⁺ T cells (mean \pm s.e.m; n=5). Representative results from three independent experiments.



Supplemental Fig. 2. Targeting IRES-eGFP reporter into the mouse IL-17 locus.

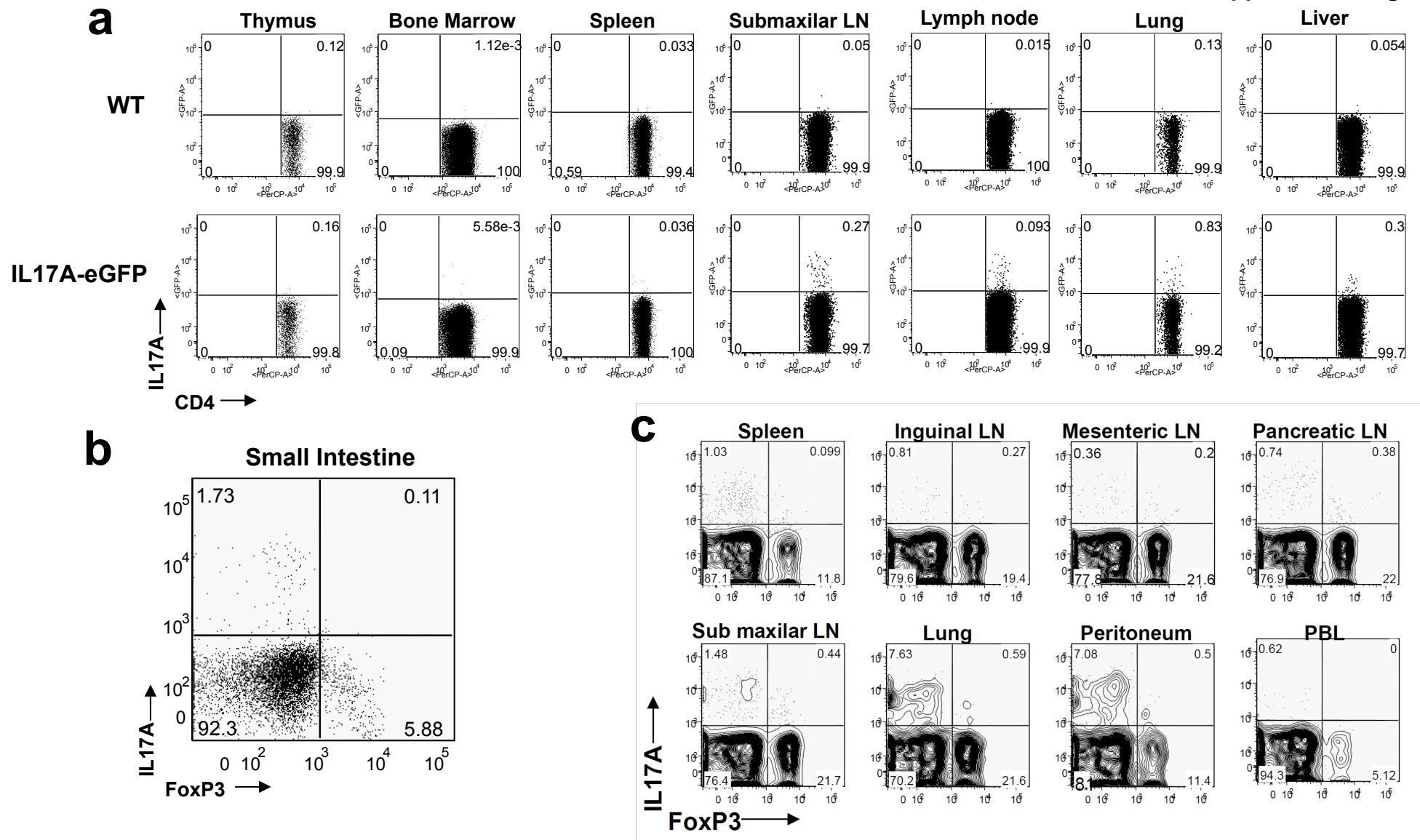
(a) Maps for mouse IL-17A locus, targeting DNA construct and the targeted IL-17A locus. An 8-kb mouse genomic fragment, including exons 1, 2 and 3 of IL-17A gene, was excised by using BamHI and MluI (*Top*) and cloned into pEasy-Flox vector adjacent to the thymidine kinase (TK) selection marker. A cassette containing IRES-GFP and LoxP-flanked neomycin (Neo) selection marker was inserted into a SacII site between the translation stop codon (UAA) and the polyadenylation signal (A₂UA₃) of IL-17A gene (*Middle*). A correctly targeted ES cell was used to create chimeras and germ-line-transmitted mice. The Neo gene was removed *in vivo* by using deleter mice transgenic for Cre recombinase to generate mice bearing targeted IL-17A locus (*Lower*).

(b) PCR genotyping IL-17A-eGFP reporter mice. Three primers were designed to genotype reporter mice. PCR yielded 220-bp product for the wild-type (Wt) IL-17A allele and 290-bp product for targeted IL-17A allele.

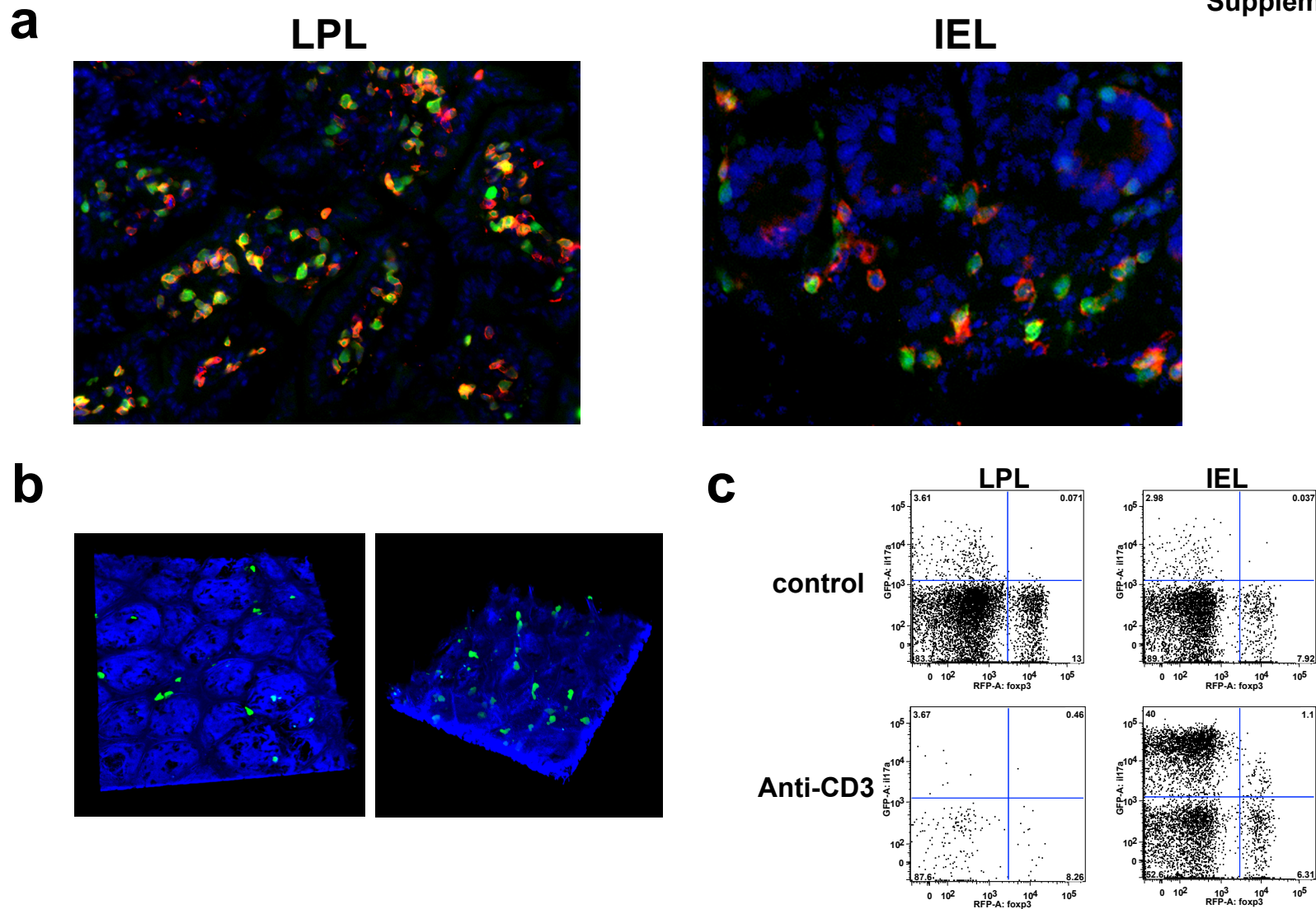
(c) IL-17A mRNA expression in eGFP positive versus eGFP negative cells after sorting.

(d) Dot plots of PE-anti-IL-17A (Y axis) versus eGFP (X axis) intracellular staining of T_H17 cells from wild-type (left) and homozygous (right) mice.

Supplemental Fig. 3

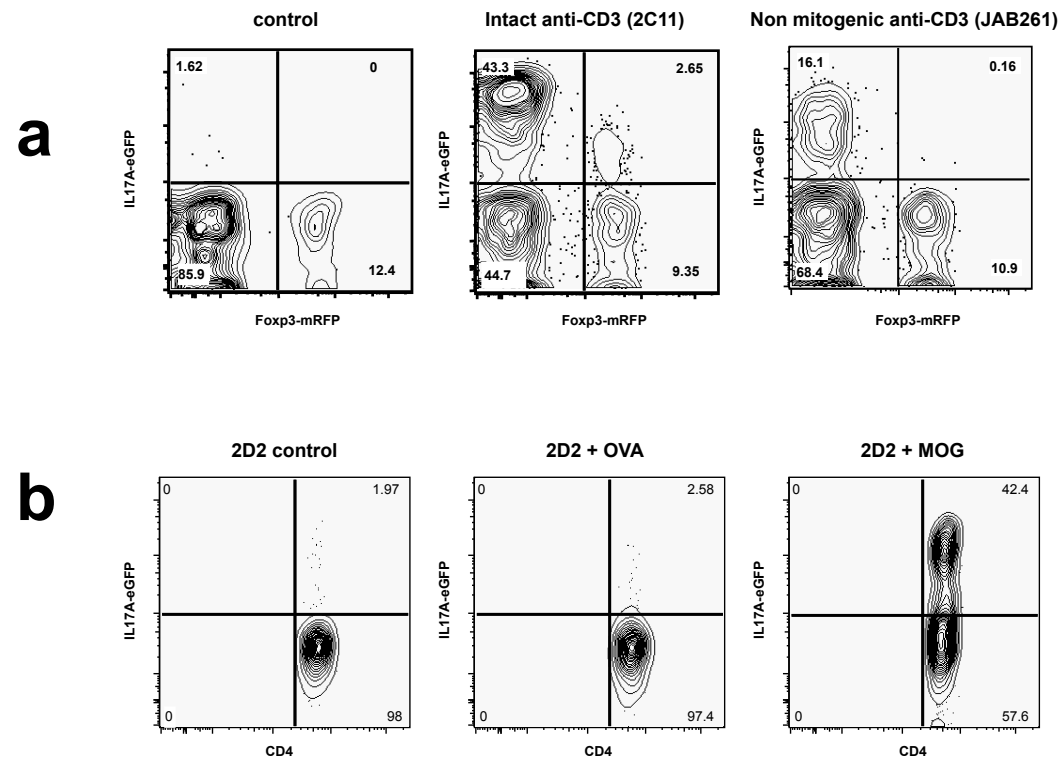


Supplemental Fig 3. Expression of IL-17A detected *in vivo* by an IL-17A-eGFP reporter mouse. Flow cytometry analysis of IL17A⁺CD4⁺ T cells in different organs from IL17A-eGFP reporter mice and wild-type littermates in steady state conditions are shown (a). Flow cytometry analysis of IL-17A (Y axis) and Foxp3 (X axis) on the small intestine CD4⁺ T cells from IL17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP double reporter mice in steady state conditions (b). IL17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP double reporter mice were treated three times with 20 μ g of anti-CD3 antibody (2C11) (c). Four hours after the last injection animals were sacrificed, different organs removed and processed for FACS analysis. Plots are gated on CD4⁺ and numbers in quadrants indicate percent cells in each. Data represents at least 3 different experiments.



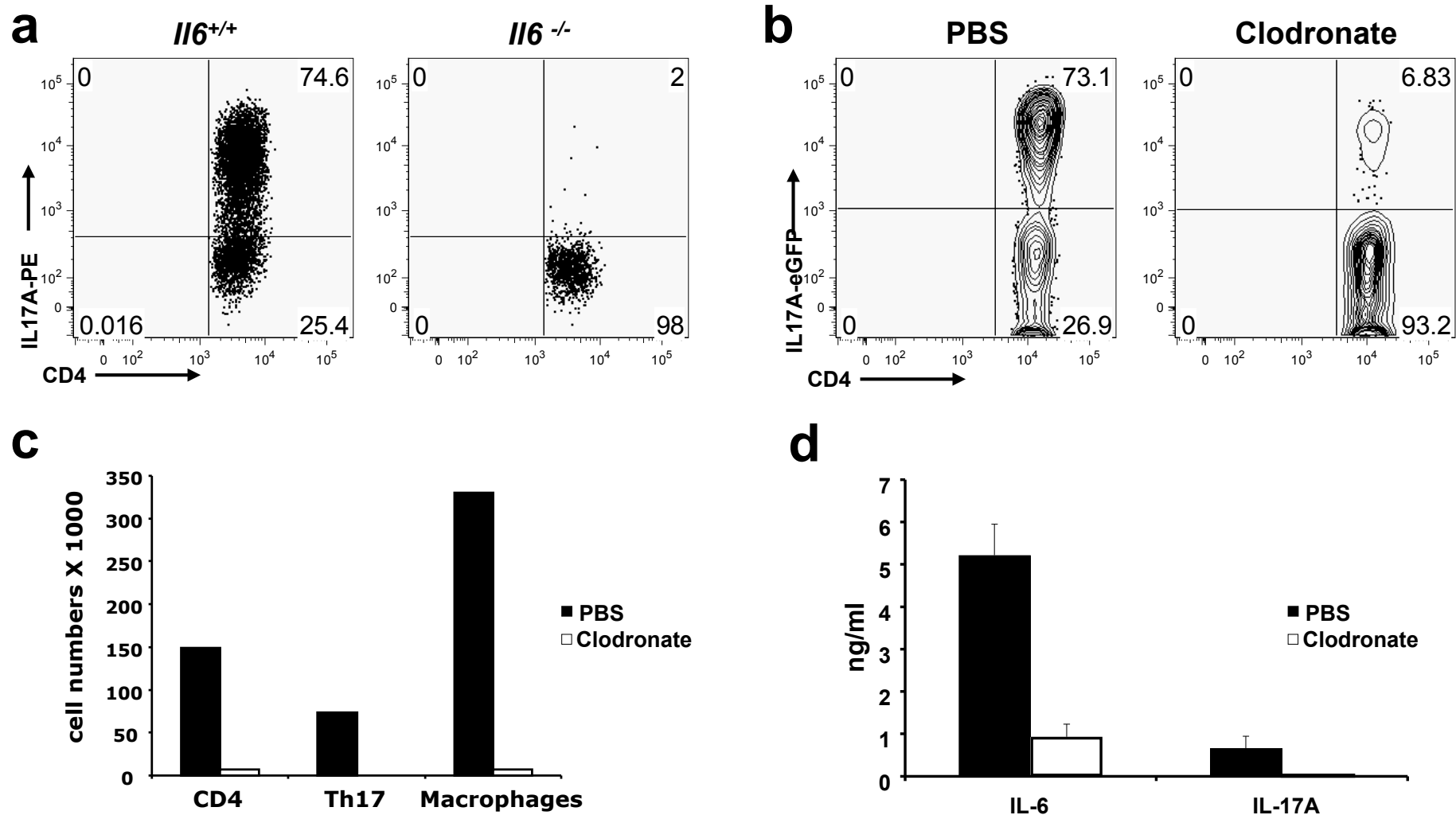
Supplemental Fig. 4. Small Intestine localization of T_H17 cells during CD3-specific antibody treatment.

(a) Sections demonstrating that eGFP⁺CD4⁺ T cells can be located in the lamina propria compartment (left) and in the intraepithelial compartment (right) of the small intestine. Original magnification 40x. (blue, dapi; red, CD4; green, IL-17A-eGFP). (b) 3D reconstruction of small intestine from IL17A-eGFP knock-in mice treated with CD3-specific antibody obtained by multiphoton microscopy analysis. (blue, second harmonics; green, IL-17A-eGFP). (c) Flow cytometry analysis of IL-17A (Y axis) and Foxp3 (X axis) on the intestinal LPL (lamina propria lymphocytes) and IEL (intestinal intraepithelial lymphocytes) CD4⁺ T cells from IL17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP double reporter mice after CD3-specific antibody treatment. All animals were analyzed 100h after the first injection of CD3-specific antibody.

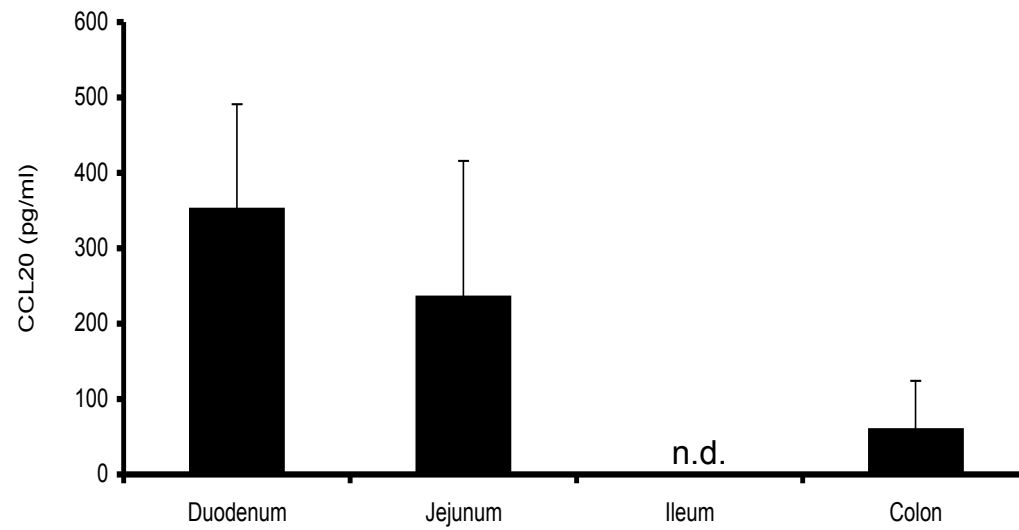


Supplemental Fig. 5. T_H17 cells are increased in the small intestine during non mitogenic anti-CD3 treatment (a) or during antigen specific immunization (b).

(a) Flow cytometry analysis of IL-17A and Foxp3 on intestinal $CD4^+$ T cells from IL17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP double reporter mice 100h after the first injection of CD3-specific antibody or after non-mitogenic anti-CD3 treatment. (b) MOG-TCR transgenic mice (2D2 mice) crossed with the IL-17A-eGFP knock-in mice were treated three times with PBS, OVA or MOG peptide (150 mg/i.p. dose; injections on days 0,3 and 6). Four hours after the last injection the presence of T_H17 in the duodenum of the treated mice was evaluated by flow cytometry analysis. (n=4). Experiments were repeated twice with similar results.

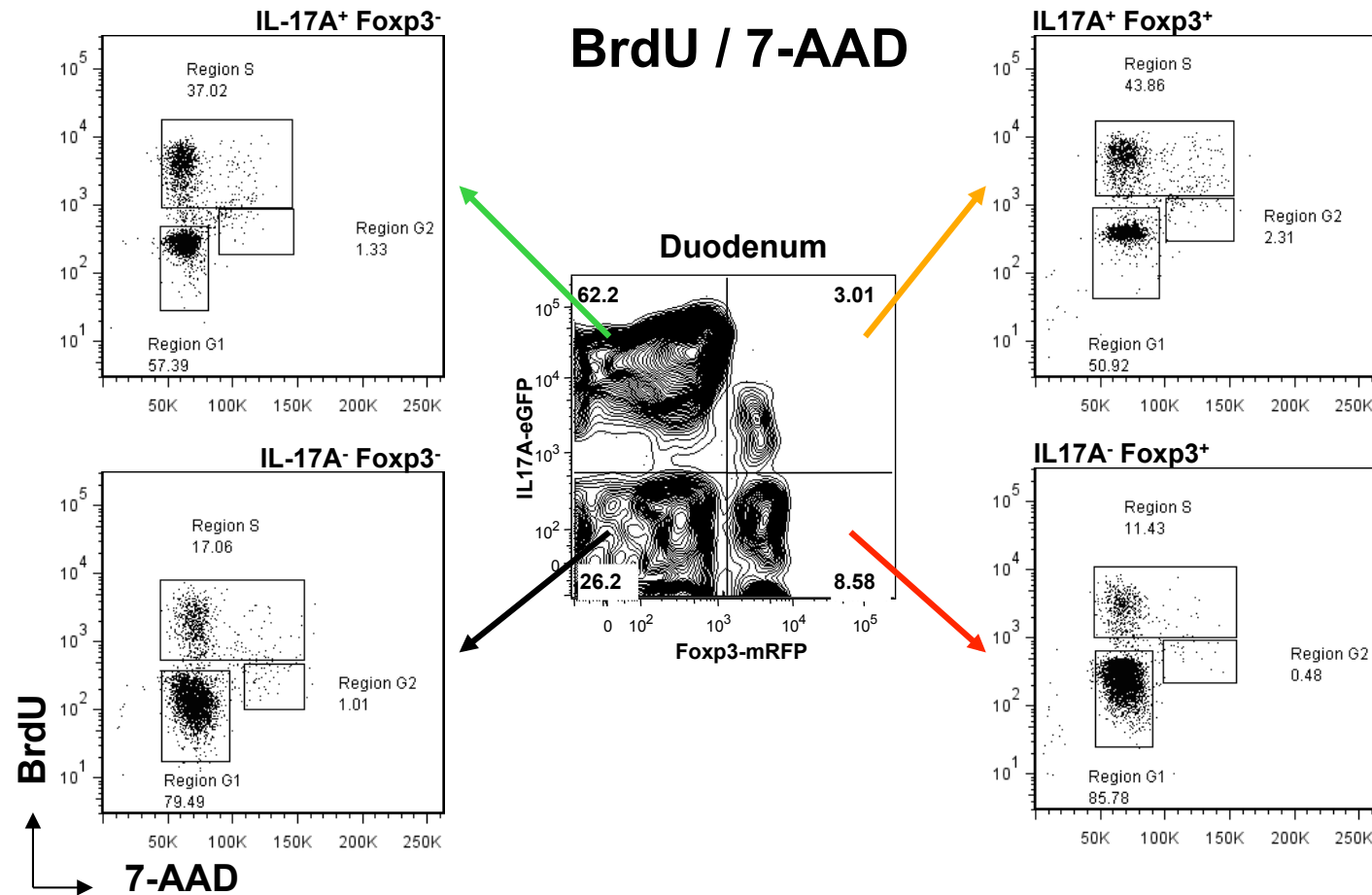


Supplemental Fig. 6. IL-6 secreted by antigen-presenting cells (APCs) is critical for the generation of T_H17 cells during CD3-specific antibody treatment. (a) Flow cytometry analysis of IL-17A intracellular expression in CD4⁺ T cells from duodenum of wild type and *IL-6*^{-/-} mice treated with CD3-specific antibody (n=5). Experiment was performed twice with similar results. (b) IL-17A-eGFP reporter mice were treated with clodronate-loaded liposomes or with PBS-loaded liposomes one day before the treatment with CD3-specific antibody. 100h after the first injection T_H17 cells from the duodenum were analyzed by flow cytometry. (n=5). Data represents three independent experiments. (c) Total CD4⁺ T cells, T_H17 cells and Macrophages (CD11b⁺CD11c⁻) from experiment as in (b) were quantified. (d) Plasma levels of IL-6 and IL-17A in these animals were measured by CBA (mean ± s.e.m; n=5).

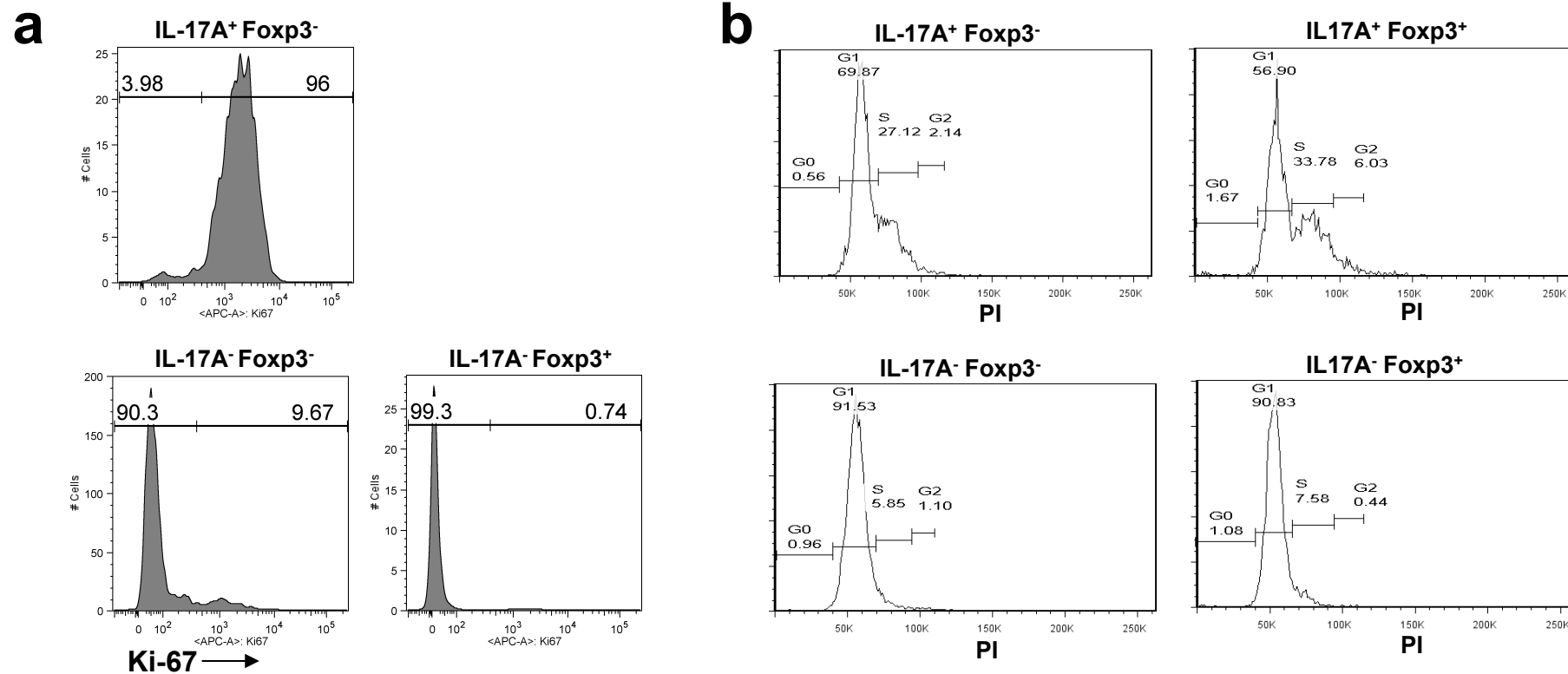


Supplemental Fig. 7. CCL20 protein expression in the gastrointestinal tract.

Different parts of the intestine were cultured for two days. CCL20 was measured in the supernatants using ELISA (mean \pm s.e.m.).

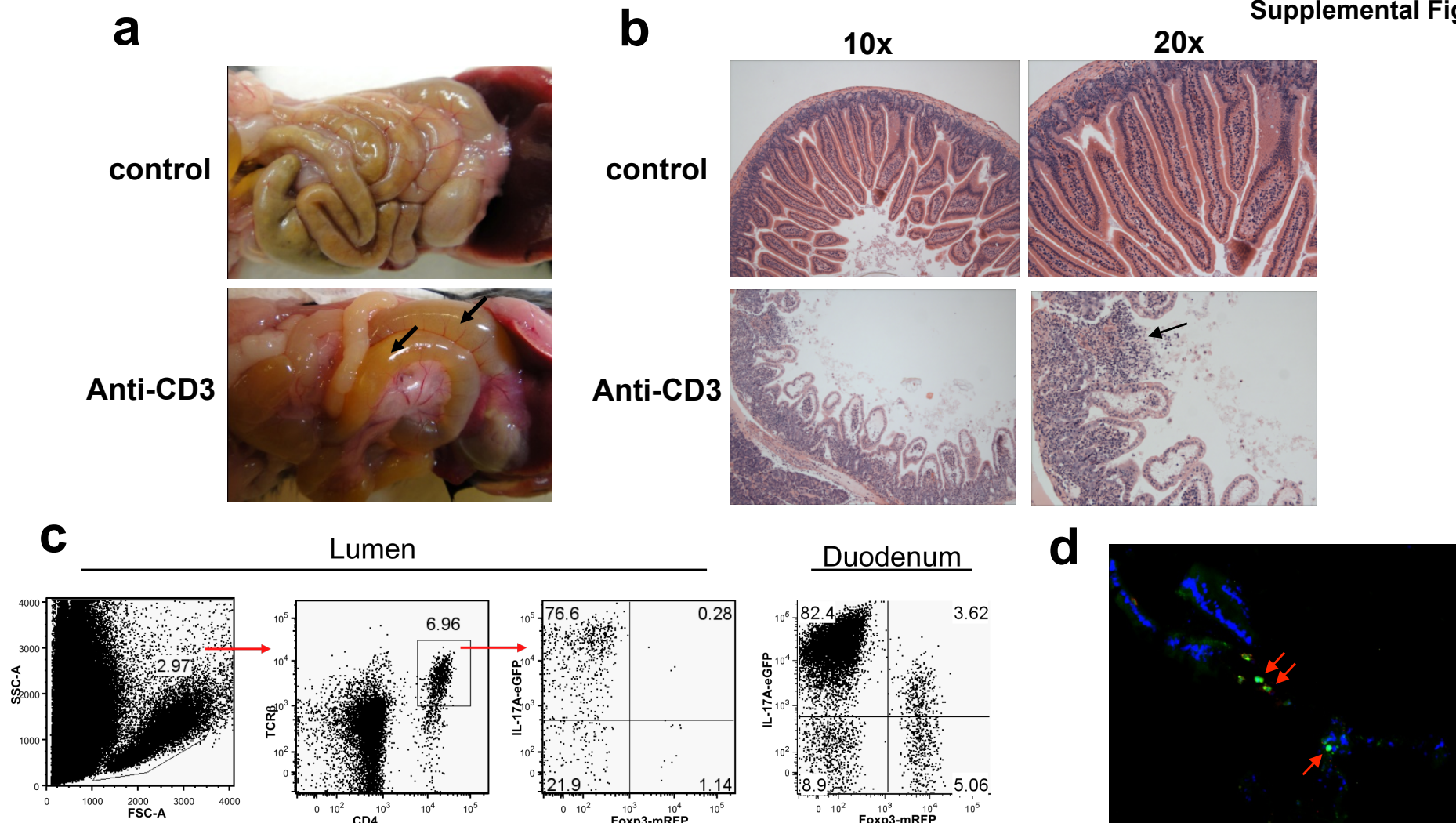


Supplemental Fig. 8. T_H17 cells from duodenum actively proliferate during CD3-specific antibody treatment. Proliferation capacity assessed by BrdU/7-AAD analysis on different populations of FACS sorted CD4⁺TCRβ⁺ T cells from the duodenum of IL-17A-eGFP x Fcpx3-mRFP double reporter mice treated with CD3-specific antibody (clone 2C11). Cells were isolated 100h after the first injection. Data represents three independent experiments.



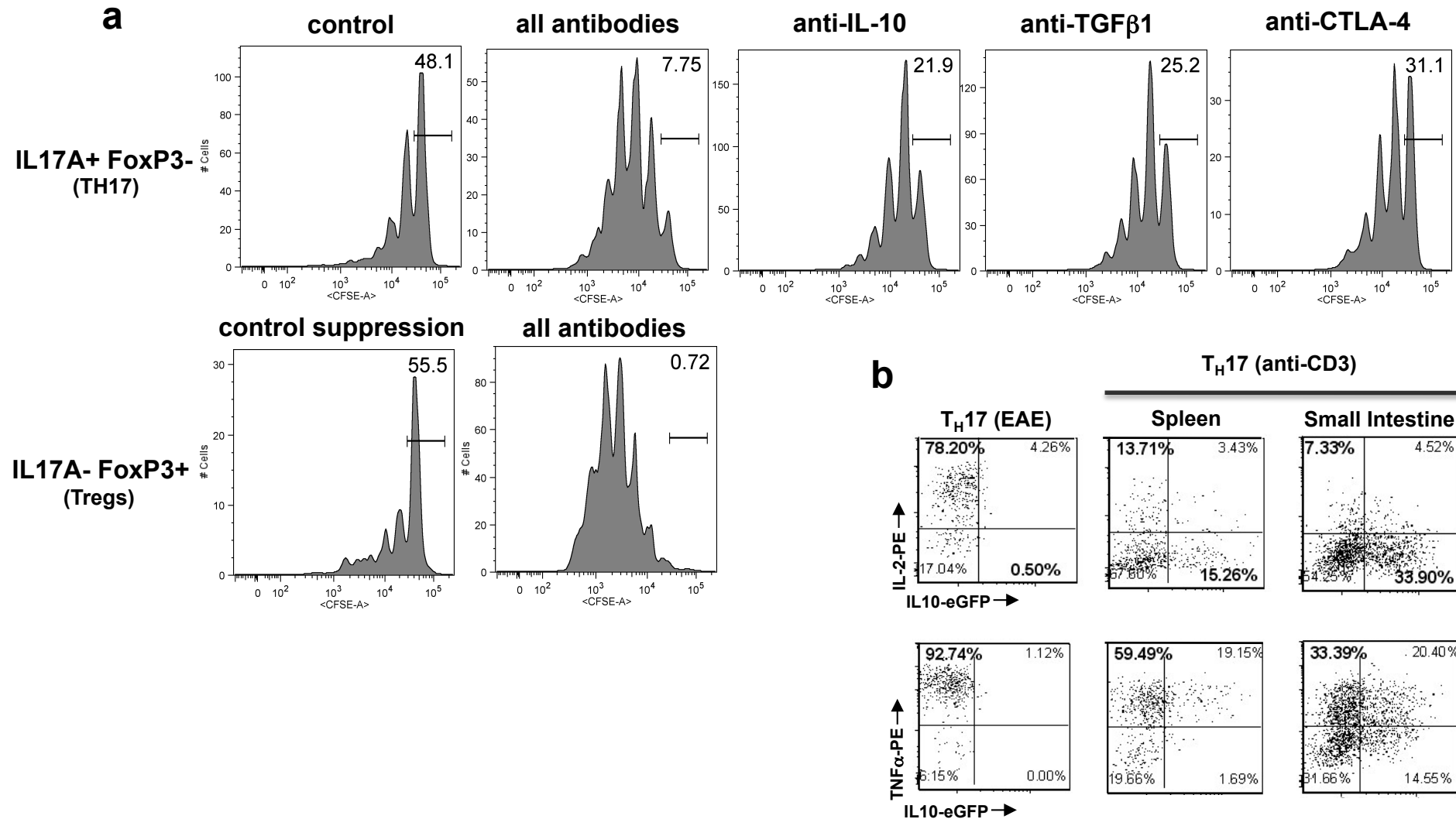
Supplemental Fig. 9. T_H17 cells from duodenum actively proliferate during CD3-specific antibody treatment.

Proliferation capacity assessed by Ki-67 (**a**) or by Propidium Iodide (PI) cell cycle analysis (**b**) on different populations of FACS sorted CD4⁺TCRβ⁺ T cells from the duodenum of IL-17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP double reporter mice treated with CD3-specific antibody (clone 2C11). % of cells that are in different phases of the cell cycle are represented in (**b**). Data represents three independent experiments. (**a**) was analyzed 60h after the first injection and (**b**) 100h after the first injection



Supplemental Fig. 10. Elimination of T_H17 cells in the intestinal lumen of mice treated with CD3-specific antibody. (a) Photographs are of intestine from C57bl/6 mice treated with 3 i.v. injections of CD3-specific antibody (clone 2C11) or control mice.

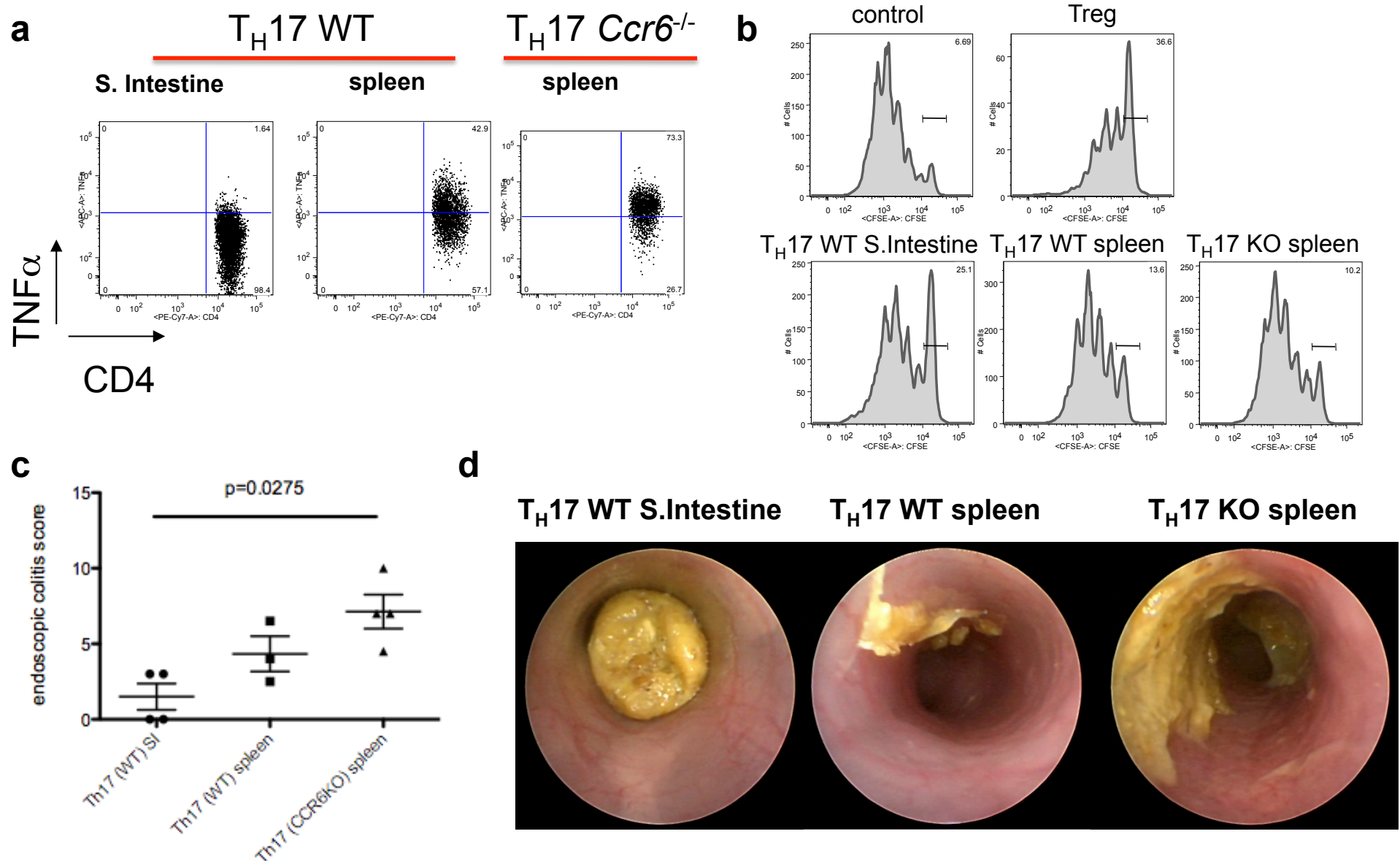
(b) Histological sections (H&E staining and magnification was 10x or 20x) from the same treated and control mice shown in (a). (c) Flow cytometry analysis of the luminal content of IL-17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP treated with CD3-specific antibody. Decreased percentage of Tregs (Foxp3⁺ T cells) in the lumen (left) was observed when compared to the duodenum (LPL +IEL compartment) (right). Gate is on the CD4⁺TCR β ⁺ T cells. Numbers in quadrants indicate percent cells in each. (d) Immunofluorescence staining of frozen sections of duodenum from IL-17A-eGFP knock-in mice treated with CD3-specific antibody. T_H17 cells were found in the intestinal lumen (arrows). CD4 (red); IL-17A-eGFP (green); cell nuclei (DAPI). Original magnification was 40x. Data are representative of four experiments. Analysis was done 100h after the first injection.



Supplemental Fig. 11. Suppressive capacity of the rT_H17 cells is partially dependent on IL-10, CTLA-4 and TGF- β signalling.

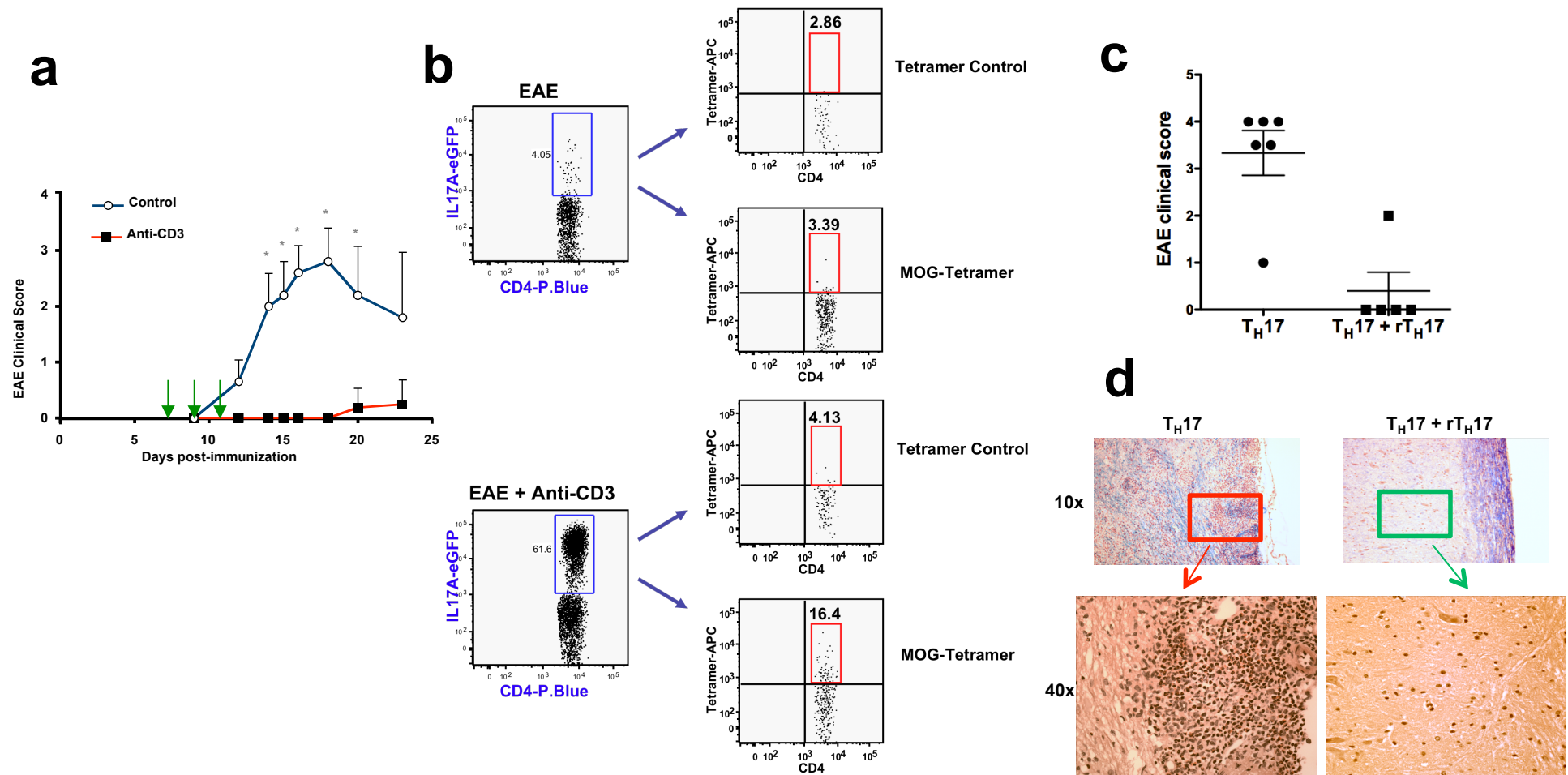
(a) Suppression assay performed using sorted eGFP-mRFP+CD4+ (Tregs) or eGFP+mRFP-CD4+ (T_H17) cells from IL-17A-eGFP x Foxp3-mRFP double reporter mice treated with CD3-specific antibody. Cells were sorted from duodenum. (Bar represents undivided CFSE labelled CD4⁺CD25⁻ responder T cells). Antibodies were added at 10 μ g/ml final concentration.

(b) Expression of IL-2, TNF- α and IL-10 was determined by flow cytometry analysis. Plots are gated on CD4⁺IL-17A⁺ T cells from IL-10-eGFP reporter mice with EAE or treated with CD3-specific antibody. Numbers in quadrants indicate percent cells in each. Data are representative of 3 different experiments.



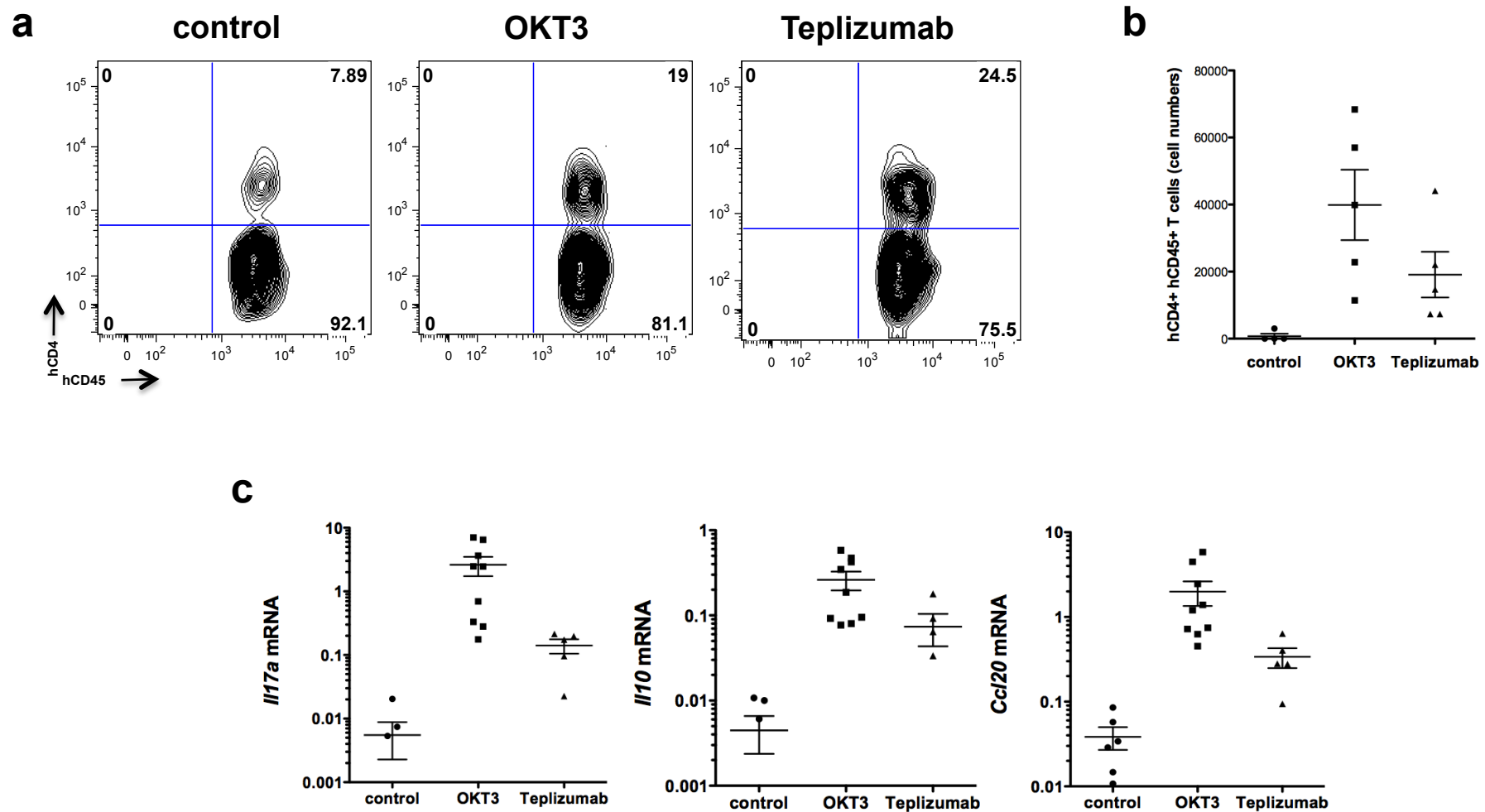
Supplemental Fig. 12. Migration to the small intestine is essential for T_H17 cells to acquire a regulatory phenotype.

IL-17A eGFP⁺ cells were isolated from the small intestine and spleen of wild type and *Ccr6*^{-/-} mice after CD3-specific antibody treatment. **(a)** Cells were restimulated and intracellular cytokine staining for TNF- α performed. **(b)** Cells were cocultured with CFSE responder cells to assess the *in vitro* suppressive capacity. **(c+d)** Sorted IL-17A eGFP⁺ cells were transferred into *Rag1*^{-/-} mice, and the colitis development monitored using colonoscopy (mean \pm s.e.m.). Results are representative of two independent experiments.

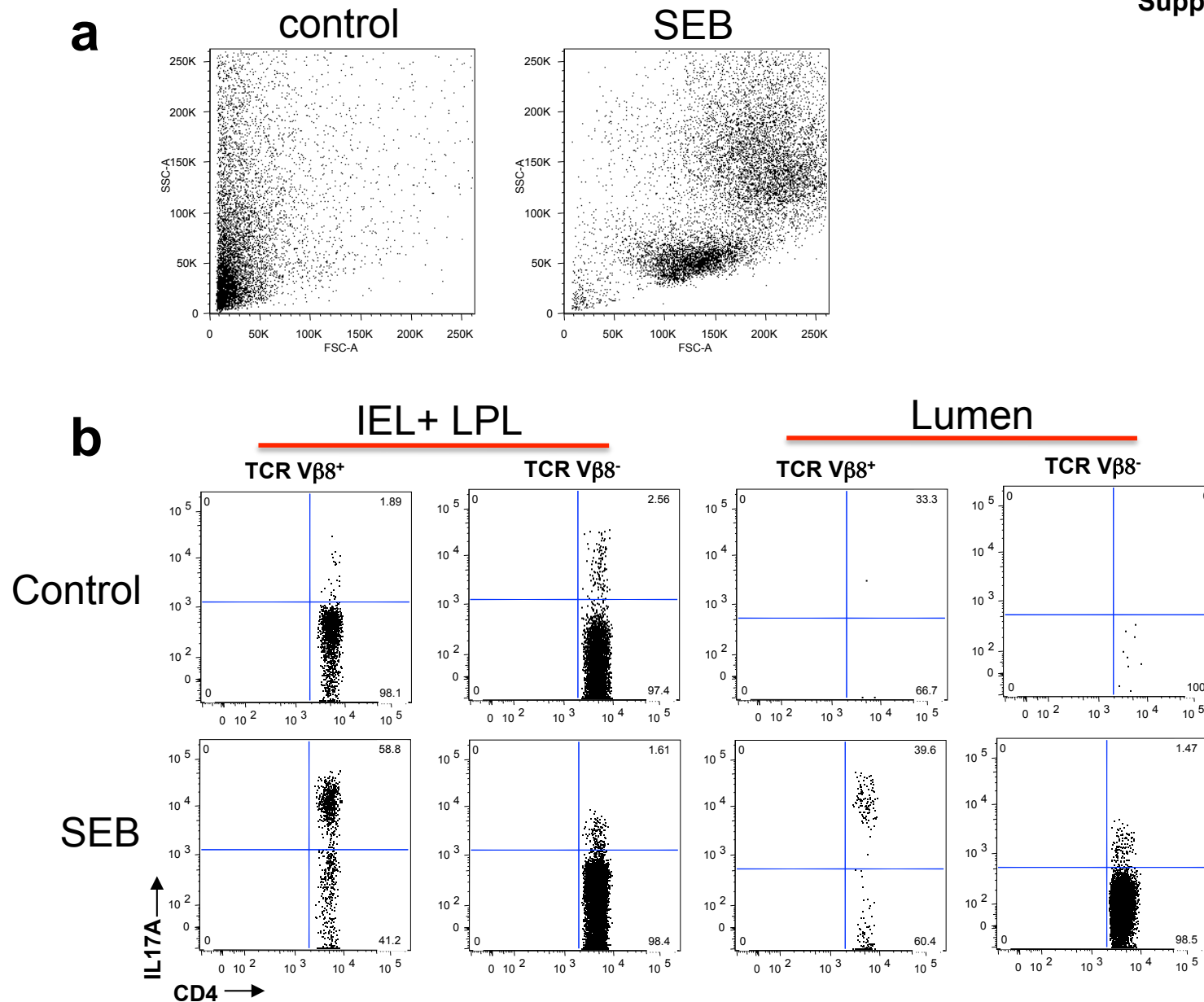


Supplemental Fig. 13. CD3-specific antibody redirects antigen specific T_H17 cells to the Small Intestine and they acquire a suppressive function *in vivo*. (a) EAE was induced in IL-17A-eGFP knock-in mice by immunization with MOG35–55 in complete Freund adjuvant (CFA). A group of mice was treated with 2 μ g of CD3-specific antibody (clone 2C11) on days 7, 9 and 11 after immunization (arrows). The course of EAE in these mice is shown as mean clinical score \pm s.e.m., $n=8$, $*P < 0.05$. (b) Flow cytometry analysis using a MOG-specific tetramer on small intestine $CD4^+IL-17A^+$ T cells purified from EAE-induced animals (IL-17A-eGFP knock-in mice) four hours after the last injection with PBS (upper plot) or with CD3-specific antibody (lower plot). Numbers above outlined areas indicate the frequency of MOG-tetramer $^+$ T_H17 cells. Data are representative of 2 different experiments.

(c+d) *In vitro* differentiated IL-17A-eGFP $^+$ Foxp3-mRFP- $CD4^+$ T cells from 2D2 mice were either transferred alone (25×10^3 cells) or together with IL-17A-eGFP $^+$ Foxp3-mRFP- $CD4^+$ T cells isolated from the small intestine of CD3-specific antibody treated 2D2 mice 100 hours after the first injection (25×10^3 cells each). Clinical EAE score 9 weeks after the transfer (c), and representative section of the small intestine stained with fast luxol blue and haematoxylin/eosin (d) are shown. Each dot represents one mouse, lines indicate mean.

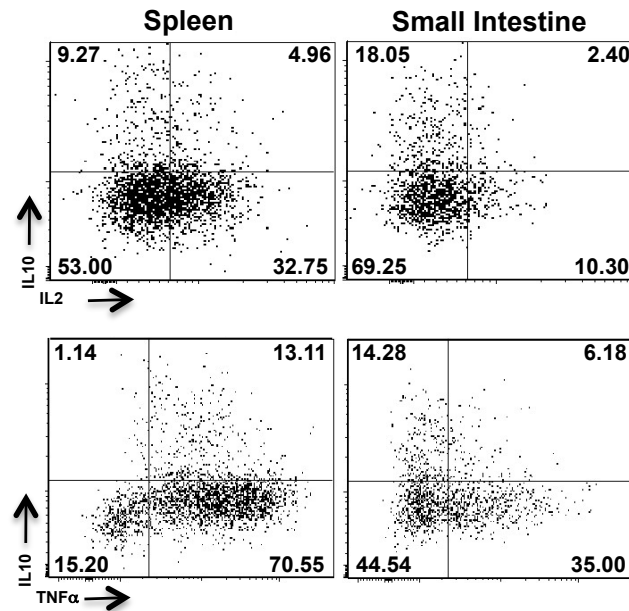


Supplemental Fig. 14. Anti-human-CD3 antibody treatment induces the recruitment of human IL17A⁺ and IL10⁺ cells into the duodenum in a humanized mouse system. Flow cytometric analysis (a) and cell counts (b) showing increased percentage and cell numbers of hCD4⁺hCD45⁺ T cells in the duodenum of Balb/c RAG1^{-/-}γC^{-/-} mice two weeks after reconstitution with human PBMCs. Mice were analyzed 5h after treatment with OKT3, Teplizumab or antibody control (10μg/mouse/i.v.). Gate is on human CD45⁺ T cells. Numbers in quadrants indicate percent cells in each. (c) The presence of human *IL17a*, *Il10* and *Ccl20* mRNA in the duodenum of OKT3, Teplizumab and control mice (from the same animals shown in a+b) was determined by RT-PCR. Data is normalized to human HPRT. Data are cumulative of two experiments performed independently.

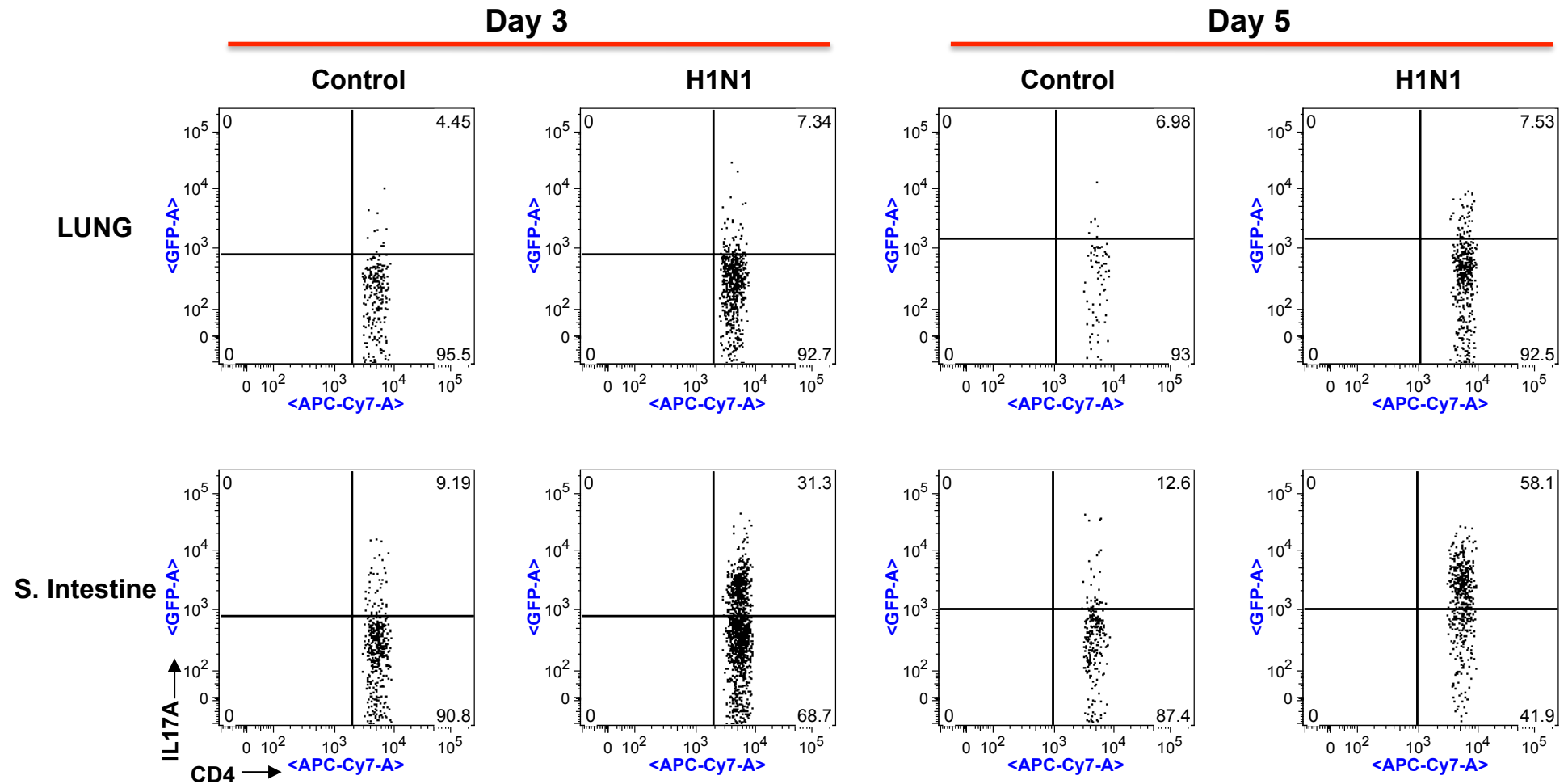


Supplemental Fig. 15. Elimination of T_H17 cells in the intestinal lumen of mice treated with SEB.

(a and b) Flow cytometry analysis of the luminal content of IL-17A-eGFP mice untreated or after treatment with 3 i.v. injections (0, 48, 96 hours) with 50 μ g of SEB. Animals were analyzed 4 h after the last injection. (a) SSC versus FSC plot of the luminal content of treated and untreated mice analyzed by FACS. (b) Flow cytometric analysis showing the presence of IL-17A⁺ CD4⁺ T cells in the luminal content of SEB treated animals as well in the LPL+IEL compartments. Gate is on the CD4⁺TCR β ⁺ T cells. Numbers in quadrants indicate percent cells in each.

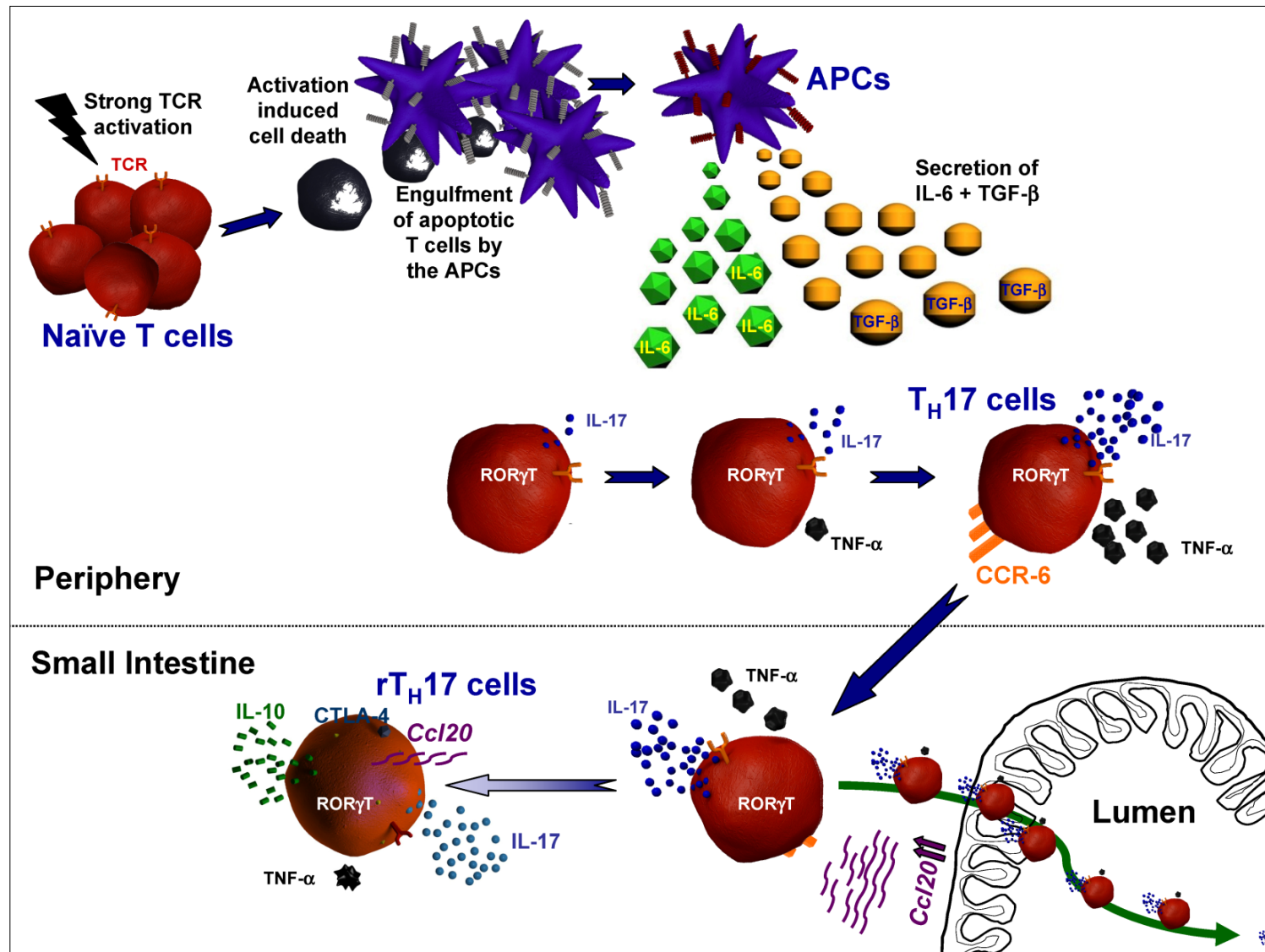


Supplemental Fig. 16. Induction of rT_H17 cells in the small intestine during sepsis. IL-10 eGFP x Foxp3 mRFP double reporter mice were treated with SEB. Cells from the spleen and small intestine were restimulated with PMA and Ionomycin and intracellular cytokine staining for IL-17A, IL-2, TNF- α , and anti-GFP performed. Plots are gated on IL-17A⁺CD4⁺ events. Results are representative of at least two independent experiments.



Supplemental Fig. 17. Accumulation of T_H17 cells in the small intestine during Influenza A (H1N1) infection.

Flow cytometric analysis showing the presence of IL-17A⁺ CD4⁺ T cells in the lung and small intestine of Influenza A (H1N1) infected mice at indicated time points. Gate is on the CD4⁺CD44⁺β8TCR⁺ cells. Numbers in quadrants indicate percent cells in each. Results are representative of two independent experiments.



Supplemental Fig. 18. Scheme of the fate of TH17 cells during tolerance induction after a polyclonal T cell activation *in vivo*.

After polyclonal T cell activation via TCR, apoptotic T cells will be engulfed by phagocytes. IL-6 and TGF-β are going to be produced by APCs and consequently IL-17A⁺CCR6⁺CD4⁺ T cells (TH17) are generated in the periphery. TH17-mediated production of IL17 will induce upregulation of CCL20 in the small intestine attracting and trapping the pro-inflammatory TH17 cells. In the Small Intestine, part of the TH17 cells are going to be eliminated in the lumen and others will be reprogrammed in rTH17 cells with immuno-suppressor functions.